

## FOR

Breaking forth like a sudden tempest, he over-ran all, breaking down all the holds and fortresses. *Spenser on Ireland.*  
The trump of death sounds in their hearing shrill;  
Their weapon, faith; their fortresses was the grave. *Fairfax.*  
God is our fortress, in whose conqu'ring name  
Let us resolve to scale their flinty bulwarks. *Shak. Hen. VI.*  
There is no such way to give defence to absurd doctrines, as to guard them round about with legions of obfuscate and undefined words; which yet makes these retreats more like the dens of robbers, or holes of foxes, than the fortresses of fair warriors. *Locke.*

**FORTUITOUS.** *adj.* [from *fortuitus*, French; *fortuitus*, Lat.] Accidental; casual; happening by chance.

A wonder then it must be, that there should be any man found so stupid as to persuade himself that this most beautiful world could be produced by the fortuitous concurrence of atoms. *Ray on the Creation.*

If casual concurrence did the world compose,  
And things and acts fortuitous arose,  
Then any thing might come from any thing;  
For how from chance can constant order spring. *Blackmore.*

**FORTUITOUSLY.** *adv.* [from *fortuitous*.] Accidentally; casually; by chance.

It is partly evaporated into air, and partly diluted into water, and fortuitously shared between all the elements. *Rogers.*

**FORTUITOUSNESS.** *n. f.* [from *fortuitous*.] Accident; chance; hit.

**FORTUNATE.** *adj.* [from *fortunatus*, Latin.] Lucky; happy; successful; not subject to misfortune. Used of persons or actions.

I am most fortunate thus accidentally to encounter you: you have ended my business, and I will merrily accompany you home. *Shakespeare's Coriolanus.*

He sigh'd; and could not but their fate deplore,  
So wretched now, so fortunate before. *Dryd. Knight's Tale.*  
No, there is a necessity in fate

Why still the brave bold man is fortunate:  
He keeps his object ever full in sight,  
And that assurance holds him firm and right:

True, 'tis a narrow path that leads to bliss,  
But right before there is no precipice;  
Fear makes men look aside, and so their footing mis. *Dry.*

**FORTUNATELY.** *adv.* [from *fortunate*.] Happily; successfully.

Bright Eliza rul'd Britannia's state,  
And boldly wife, and fortunately great. *Prior.*

**FORTUNATENESS.** *n. f.* [from *fortunate*.] Happiness; good luck; success.

O me, said she, whose greatest fortunateness is more unfortunate than my sister's greatest unfortunateness. *Sidney, b. ii.*

**FORTUNE.** *n. f.* [from *fortuna*, Latin; *fortune*, French.]

1. The power supposed to distribute the lots of life according to her own humour.

Fortune, that arrant whore,  
Ne'er turns the key to th' poor. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*  
'Tis though fortune's malice overthrow my state,  
My mind exceeds the compass of her wheel. *Shak. H. VI.*

2. The good or ill that befalls man.  
Rejoice, said he, to-day;  
In you the fortune of Great Britain lies:  
Whom heav'n has chose to fight for such a prize. *Dryden.*

The adequate meaning of chance, as distinguished from fortune, in that the latter is understood to befall only rational agents, but chance to be among inanimate bodies. *Bentley.*

3. The chance of life; means of living.  
His father dying, he was driven to London to seek his fortune. *Swift.*

4. Event; success good or bad.  
This terrestrial globe has been surrounded by the fortune and boldness of many navigators. *Temple.*

No, he shall eat, and die with me, or live;  
Our equal crimes shall equal fortune give. *Dryd. Innocence.*

5. Estate; possessions.  
If thou do'st  
As this instructs thee, thou do'st make thy way  
To noble fortunes. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*

That eyeless head of thine was first fram'd flesh  
To raise my fortunes. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*  
But tell me, Tityrus, what heav'nly power  
Preserv'd your fortunes in that fatal hour? *Dryd. Virg. Past.*

The fate which governs poets, thought it fit  
He should not raise his fortunes by his wit. *Dryden.*  
He was younger son to a gentleman of a good birth, but small fortune. *Swift.*

6. The portion of a man or woman: generally of a woman.  
I am thought some heirs rich in lands,  
Fled to escape a cruel guardian's hands;  
Which may produce a story worth the telling,  
Of the next sparks that go a fortune dealing. *Prose to Orphan.*

The fortune hunters have already cast their eyes upon her, and take care to plant themselves in her view. *Spektator.*

When mis delights in her spinnet,  
A fiddler may a fortune get. *Swift.*

7. Futurity; future events.  
You who mens fortunes in their faces read,  
To find out mine, look not, alas, on me:  
But mark her face, and all the features heed;  
For only there is writ my destiny. *Cowley's Mistress.*

**TO FORTUNE.** *v. n.* [from the noun.] To befall; to fall out; to happen; to come casually to pass.  
It fortun'd, as fair it then befell,  
Behind his back, unweeting, where he stood,  
Of ancient time there was a springing well,  
From which fast trickled forth a silver flood. *Fairy Queen.*

It fortun'd the same night that a Christian, serving a Turk in the camp, secretly gave the watchmen warning that the Turks prepared the next day to give a general assault. *Kneller.*

I'll tell you as we pass along,  
That you will wonder what hath fortun'd. *Shakespeare.*  
Here fortun'd Curl to slide. *Pope's Dunciad.*

**FORTUNED.** *adj.* Supplied by fortune.  
Not th' imperious show  
Of the full fortun'd Cæsar ever shall  
Be brook'd with me. *Shakespeare. Ant. and Cleopatra.*

**FORTUNEBOOK.** *n. f.* [from *fortune* and *book*.] A book consulted to know fortune or future events.  
Thou know'st a face, in whose each look  
Beauty lays ope love's fortunebook;  
On whose fair revolutions wait  
The obsequious motions of love's fate. *Craftaw.*

**FORTUNEHUNTER.** *n. f.* [from *fortune* and *hunt*.] A man whose employment is to enquire after women with great portions to enrich himself by marrying them.  
We must, however, distinguish between fortunehunters and fortunefishers. *Spektator, N<sup>o</sup>. 312.*

**TO FORTUNETELL.** *v. n.* [from *fortune* and *tell*.]

1. To pretend to the power of revealing futurity.  
We are simple men; we do not know what's brought to pass under the profession of fortunetelling. *Shakespeare.*  
I'll conjure you, I'll fortunetell you.  
The gypsies were to divide the money got by stealing linen, or by fortunetelling. *Walton's Angler.*

2. To reveal futurity.  
Here, while his canting drone-pipe scan'd  
The mystick figures of her hand,  
He tipples palmistry, and dines  
On all her fortunetelling lines. *Cleaveland.*

**FORTUNETELLER.** *n. f.* [from *fortune* and *teller*.] One who cheats common people by pretending to the knowledge of futurity.  
They brought one Pinch, a hungry lean-fac'd villain,  
A thread-bare juggler, and a fortuneteller. *Shakespeare.*

A Welchman being at a sessions-house, and seeing the prisoners hold up hands at the bar, related to some of his acquaintance that the judges were good fortunetellers; for if they did but look upon their hand, they could certainly tell whether they should live or die. *Bacon's Aphorisms.*

Hast thou given credit to vain predictions of men, to dreams or fortunetellers, or gone about to know any secret things by lot? *Duppa's Rules for Devotion.*

There needs no more than impudence on one side, and a superstitious credulity on the other, to the setting up of a fortuneteller. *L'Estrange, Fable 94.*

Long ago a fortuneteller  
Exactly said what now befell her. *Swift.*

**FORTY.** *adj.* [from *quadraginta*, Saxon.] Four times ten.  
On fair ground I could beat forty of them. *Shak. Coriol.*  
He that upon levity quits his station, in hopes to be better, 'tis forty to one loses. *L'Estrange.*

**FORUM.** *n. f.* [Latin.] Any public place.  
The forum was a public place in Rome, where lawyers and orators made their speeches before the proper judge in matters of property, or in criminal cases, to accuse or excuse, to complain or defend. *Watts's Improvement of the Mind.*

Close to the bay great Neptune's fane adjoins,  
And near a forum flank'd with marble fountains,  
Where the bold youth, the numerous fleets to store,  
Shape the broad fail, or smooth the taper oar. *Pope.*

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The better part now of the ling'ring day  
They travelled had, when as they far epy'd  
A weary wight forward'ring by the way. *Fairy Queen, b. i.*

**FORWARD.** *adv.* [from *for* and *ward*.] Towards; to a part or place before; onward; progressively.  
When fervent forrow flaked was,  
She up arose, reliving him to find  
Alive or dead, and forward forth doth pass. *Fairy Queen.*

From smaller things the mind of the hearers may go forward to the knowledge of greater, and climb up from the lowest to the highest things. *Hooker, b. v. f. 20.*

He that is used to go forward, and findeth a stop, falleth of his own favour, and is not the thing he was. *Bacon's Essays.*

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1. To nurse; to feed; to support; to train up.  
Thy threat'ning colours now wind up,  
And tame the savage spirit of wild war;  
That, like a lion foster'd up at hand,  
It may lie gently at the foot of peace. *Shakespeare. King John.*

Some say that ravens foster forlorn children. *Shakespeare.*  
Our kingdom's earth should not be foil'd  
With that dear blood, which it hath fostered. *Shakespeare. R. II.*

That base wretch,  
Bred on alms, and foster'd with cold dishes,  
With scraps o' th' court. *Shakespeare's Cymbeline.*  
Fostering has always been a stronger alliance than blood. *Davies on Ireland.*

No more let Ireland brag her harmless nation  
Fosters no venom, since that Scots plantation. *Cleaveland.*  
The son of Mulciber,  
Found in the fire, and foster'd in the plains,  
A shepherd and a king at once he reigns. *Dryd. Æn. b. vii.*

2. To pamper; to encourage.  
A prince of great courage and beauty, but fostered up in blood by his naughty father. *Sidney, b. ii.*

3. To cherish; to forward.  
Ye fostering breezes, blow;  
Ye softening dews, ye tender showers descend. *Thomson.*

**FOSTERAGE.** *n. f.* [from *foster*.] The charge of nursing; al-  
terage.  
Some one adjoining to this lake had the charge and fosterage of this child, who being, perchance, but some base and ob-  
scure creature, was cast from the top of her temple into the lake adjoining; and, as the poets have feigned, changed by Venus into a fish, all but her face. *Raleigh's History.*

**FOSTERBROTHER.** *n. f.* [from *foster* and *brother*, Saxon.] One bred at the same pap; one fed by the same nurse.

**FOSTERCHILD.** *n. f.* [from *foster* and *child*, Saxon.] A child nursed by a woman not the mother, or bred by a man not the father.  
The fosterchildren do love and are beloved of their foster-fathers. *Davies on Ireland.*

The goddes thus beguill'd,  
With pleasant stories, her false fosterchild. *Addis. Ov. Met.*

**FOSTERDAM.** *n. f.* [from *foster* and *dam*.] A nurse; one that performs the office of a mother by giving food to a young child.  
There, by the wolf, were laid the martial twins:  
Intrepid on her swelling dugs they hung;  
The fosterdam loll'd out her fawning tongue. *Dryden's Æn.*

**FOSTEREARTH.** *n. f.* [from *foster* and *earth*.] Earth by which the plant is nourished, though it did not grow at first in it.  
In vain, the nursing grove  
Seems fair a while, cherish'd with fosterearth;  
But when the alien compost is exhaust,  
Its native poverty again prevails! *Phillips.*

**FOSTERER.** *n. f.* [from *foster*.] A nurse; one who gives food in the place of a parent.  
In Ireland they put their children to fosterers; the rich men selling, the meaner sort buying the alterage of their children: in the opinion of the Irish fostering has always been a stronger alliance than blood; and the fosterchildren do love, and are beloved of their fosterfathers and their sept, more than of their own natural parents and kindred. *Davies on Ireland.*

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The duke of Bretagne having been an host and a kind of parent or fosterfather to the king, in his tenderness of age and weakness of fortune, did look for aid this way from king Henry. *Bacon's Henry VII.*

Tyrreus, the fosterfather of the beast,  
Then clench'd a hatchet in his horny fist. *Dryden's Æn.*

**FOSTERMOTHER.** *n. f.* [from *foster* and *mother*.] A nurse.

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